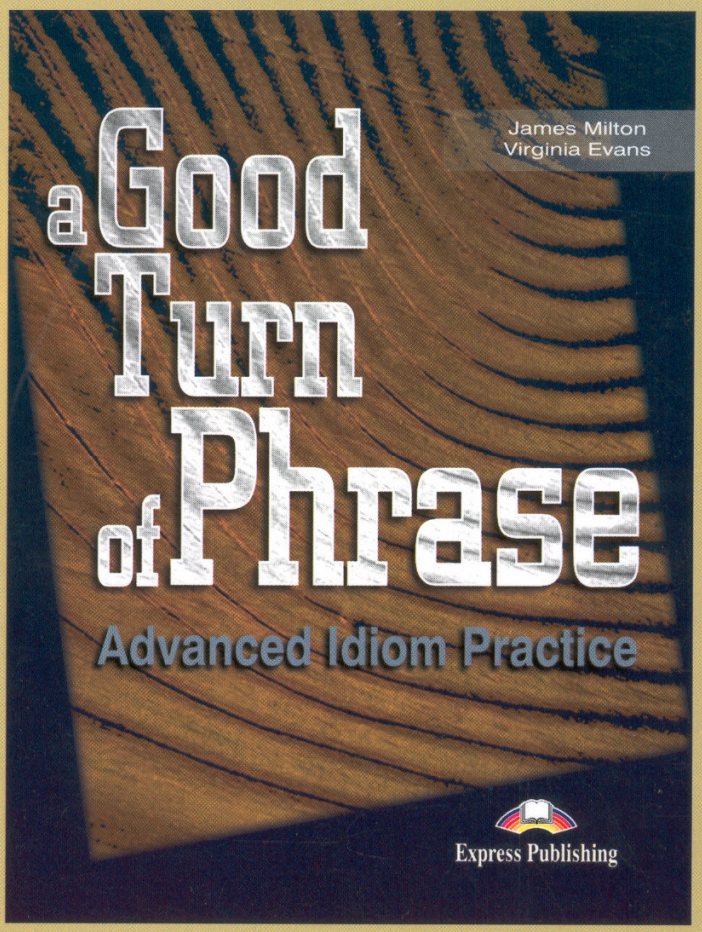
Teacher's Book



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Unit 1

1 See glossary

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a - 6	c - 3	e - 7	g - 1	i - 4
b - 2	d - 8	f - 5	h - 9	j - 10

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1 came down to earth with a bump
2 kept in the dark
3 all it's cracked up to be
4 down in the dumps
5 caught my eye

4

1 off the beaten track
2 right up my street
3 at the crack of dawn
4 in your element
5 take things easy

5 See glossary

6

a - 1	d - 6	g - 7	j - 2
b - 10	e - 5	h - 8	
c - 9	f - 4	i - 3	

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1 Speaking in front of an audience can be nerve-racking, but once you get into the **swing** of it, you'll find it easy.
2 My apartment block has a round-the-**clock** security system.
3 I'm tired of run-of-the-**mill** novels. I want to read something original.
4 We decided to go to a desert island so that we could get **away** from it all.
5 I was over the **moon** when I won first prize.

8 On the first day of my summer holiday in France I was in the mood for **letting my hair down**, and finally I decided that a day of jet-skiing would be **my best bet**. Once I had learnt how to control the machine and **steer clear** of the big waves, I really started to enjoy whizzing across the surface of the sea. When I arrived back at the hotel I **was as brown as a berry** and felt as if I had been given a **new lease of life**. It was a great way to start my holiday.

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1 take things easy
2 down in the dumps
3 caught my eye
4 off the beaten track
5 a new lease of life
6 best bet
7 let our hair down
8 run-of-the-mill
9 right up your street
10 get away from it all

10

1 This novel isn't all it's **cracked** up to be.
2 I play badminton quite often now that I've got the **swing** of it.
3 After her holiday, trouble at work made Martha come down to **earth** with a bump.
4 Janet was in her **element** at the disco as she loves dancing.
5 It's the first time we've won the cup and we're over the **moon**.
6 John worked round the **clock** to finish the assignment. *
7 Since shellfish upsets my stomach, I **steer** clear of it.
8 My father kept me in the **dark** about my mother's illness.
9 After a week on the beach in Tunisia, I am as brown as a **berry**.
10 I get up at the **crack** of dawn in order to avoid the traffic on the way to work.

* **Round the clock** is used here as an adverb and should not be hyphenated.

11 (Suggested answers)

1 Yes, because you might like places which are isolated and far away from other people.
2 No, because when you **come down to earth with a bump** it's usually an unpleasant experience, whereas when you are **in your element**, you are happy and/or enjoying yourself.
3 Probably, because I would want to find a better hotel, and the sooner I left, the sooner I'd find one.

12

across	**down**
1 cracked	2 all
4 clear	3 earth
7 dark	4 clock
8 eye	5 element
9 bet	6 track

Unit 2

1 See glossary

2

a - 6	d - 1	g - 2	j - 9
b - 7	e - 3	h - 10	
c - 4	f - 5	i - 8	

3

1 broke his heart
2 a change of heart
3 bee's knees
4 head over heels in love
5 see eye to eye

4

1 an old flame
2 stole your heart
3 the man of her dreams
4 all's fair in love and war
5 wear your heart on your sleeve

5 See glossary - Picture: **Bury the hatchet**

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a - 5	c - 6	e - 8	g - 1	i - 4
b - 7	d - 9	f - 2	h - 3	j - 10

7 1 Robert and Helen have decided to **tie** the knot at Christmas.
2 It's been **donkey's** years since I last went to the theatre.
3 Although David is **playing** hard to get, it's obvious that he likes Mary.
4 After years of arguing, the sisters decided to bury the **hatchet**.
5 Her constant complaining really drives me round the **bend**.

8 1 B 2 A 3 C 4 A 5 D

9 1 No, Mary is not my girlfriend. She's an old **flame** (of mine).
2 Isn't it nice to see a young couple **head** over heels in love?
3 After they won the lottery, they lived in **clover** for the rest of their lives.
4 My wife and I don't see eye to eye about keeping a dog.
5 He tricked her into marrying him, but then I suppose all's fair in love and **war**.
6 After ten years of living together, they finally tied the **knot**.
7 I think Ann really likes Charles but she is playing **hard** to get.
8 Sally has made Geoff go on a diet. Geoff is like **putty** in her hands.
9 You haven't spoken to your sister for a month. It's time you buried the **hatchet**.
10 Tom really loves Claire. She's the **apple** of his eye.

10

1	wears his heart on his sleeve	6	thicker than water
2	round the bend	7	black sheep of the family
3	stolen his heart	8	change of heart
4	donkey's years	9	man of my dreams
5	bee's knees	10	broke my heart

11 (Suggested answers)
1 Probably not. The **black sheep of the family** is usually sb who has rebelled or hasn't done as the family had expected, whereas someone who **is in clover** is usually living in great comfort.
2 Yes, because that person would be very fond of you and therefore would do anything for you.
3 No, because if they got married they would probably argue a lot.
4 Yes, because if your feelings are too obvious you are very vulnerable and it would be easy to have your **heart broken**.

12 (Suggested answer)
Although the couple realise that their daughter is **head over heels in love** with her fiancé, they can't believe that she's considering **tying the knot**. Their daughter has always been **the apple of her father's eye**, and he can't accept the fact this man **has stolen his little girl's heart.** The fiancé also **drives the girl's mother round the bend**. But they've decided to accept it because after all, **blood is thicker than water**.

Unit 3

1 See glossary - Picture: **To step into sb else's shoes**

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a - 4	c - 8	e - 3	g - 10	i - 7
b - 6	d - 5	f - 2	h - 9	j - 1

3

1	in the red	4	in the black
2	a firm hand	5	playing with fire
3	a lame duck		

4

1	hit	3	pay	5	step
2	feel	4	give		

5 See glossary

6

a - 5	d - 6	g - 8	j - 3
b - 10	e - 1	h - 4	
c - 2	f - 9	i - 7	

7 1 During the economic crisis, even the royal family had to tighten their **belts**.
2 Money is so scarce at the moment that I have had to take a second job just to keep my head above **water**.
3 I knew that Ray had been burning the midnight **oil** as he looked exhausted.
4 I knew that Mrs Watkin meant **business** when I got a letter from her lawyer.
5 It costs a lot of money to get a business off the **ground**.

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1	bear fruit	4	a small fortune
2	live on a shoestring	5	rolling in it
3	money down the drain		

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1	head above water	6	a lame duck
2	tighten her belt	7	hit rock bottom
3	pay dividends	8	living on a shoestring
4	given the boot	9	meant business
5	step into his shoes	10	rolling in it

10 1 It's a good idea to take out a small loan to (help) get your business off the **ground.**
2 For the first time in years, IHD Industries is in the **black.**
3 Young offenders need a **firm** hand to help them reform.
4 You'll have to burn the midnight **oil** in order to finish the project.
5 People have been feeling the **pinch** since the government raised taxes.
6 The company's investment in computer design is now bearing **fruit.**
7 Money spent on the National Lottery is just money down the **drain.**
8 If you're in the **red** you should get another job.
9 My family lost a **fortune** in the stock market crash of 1929.
10 You're playing with **fire** if you borrow money to buy stocks and shares.

11 1 used correctly
2 used incorrectly - in the red
3 used incorrectly - rolling in it
4 used correctly
5 used correctly
6 used incorrectly - pay dividends
7 used correctly
8 used incorrectly - meant business
9 used incorrectly - burning the midnight oil
10 used correctly

Unit 4

1 See glossary - Picture: **To pull a few strings**

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a - 2	c - 6	e - 9	g - 4	i - 7
b - 5	d - 10	f - 3	h - 8	j - 1

3 1 cut corners
2 hold a candle to
3 at a loss for words
4 whet my appetite
5 picking up the tab

4 1 feast your eyes on
2 pull a few strings
3 make your mouth water
4 in full swing
5 food for thought

5 See glossary

6

a - 1	c - 8	e - 4	g - 5	i - 3
b - 6	d - 2	f - 7	h - 10	j - 9

7 1 I've been going to the same restaurant for years, but lately it hasn't been up to **scratch.**
2 Camping in the wilderness isn't Greg's **cup** of tea.
3 You forgot to water my plants! Look, the soil is as dry as a **bone.**
4 Ross was nervous when he went for his job interview, but the director broke the **ice** by making a joke.
5 Roxanne was in the **soup** when she crashed her father's car.

8 1 B 2 D 3 A 4 D 5 B

9

1 break	5 cast	9 pull
2 whet	6 turn	10 cut
3 feast	7 make	
4 pick up	8 scrape	

10 1 Unfortunately, the electricity went off when the concert was **in full swing.**
2 Tim was **at a loss for words** when he heard he had won the prize.
3 If you're **in the soup** with your landlord, you can come and stay with me.
4 Charles Johnson's new film will certainly be **food for thought.**
5 Abstract art is **not my cup of tea**; I think it is ugly.
6 The soil here is **as dry as a bone** so no plants can grow.
7 My teacher told me that my essay wasn't **up to scratch.**
8 Jane said that she hated my new dress, but I'm sure it was just **sour grapes.**
9 This new government **can't hold a candle to** the previous one.
10 When his bike was stolen, Mike said it was **no use crying over spilt milk.**

11a a to make one's mouth water
b to cut corners
c to break the ice
d to be in the soup
e to cast pearls before swine
f sour grapes

11b 1 in the soup
2 sour grapes
3 break the ice
4 making my mouth water
5 casting pearls before swine
6 cut corners

Unit 5

1 See glossary

2

a - 3	c - 5	e - 1	g - 4	i - 7
b - 6	d - 2	f - 8	h - 9	j - 10

3 1 up and about
2 pinch of salt
3 off colour
4 go downhill
5 ripe old age

4 1 full of beans
2 but skin and bone
3 a shadow of his former self
4 at death's door
5 as strong as an ox

5 See glossary

6

a - 9	c - 2	e - 3	g - 1	i - 6
b - 8	d - 7	f - 4	h - 5	j - 10

7 1 Without my glasses I **am as blind as a bat**.
2 If I don't have a cup of coffee with my lunch, I **run out of steam** by three o'clock.
3 Everyone thinks that Mr Jones is about to **kick the bucket**, but **there's life in the old dog yet**.
4 When Cathy heard that she had been promoted, she **grinned from ear to ear**.

8 1 touch and go
2 writing was on the wall
3 one foot in the grave
4 held his own
5 alive and kicking

9 1 touch and go
2 writing is on the wall
3 held our own
4 took it with a pinch of salt
5 up and about
6 as strong as an ox
7 there's life in the old dog yet
8 a shadow of his former self
9 ripe old age
10 at death's door

10 1 You look off **colour**, I think you should go home.
2 Jason is grinning from **ear** to **ear** in all the wedding photographs.
3 I suddenly ran out of **steam** while shopping and had to sit down and have a coffee.
4 John's work went **downhill** rapidly after he fell ill.
5 You know, Geoff is as blind as a **bat** without his glasses.
6 Let's face it, Kate Moss is nothing but skin and **bone**.
7 We haven't heard from Marion for a while, but Tim tells me she's **alive** and kicking.
8 We all thought Rachel had kicked the **bucket** until she leapt up and started laughing at us.
9 I went for a swim early this morning and I've felt full of **beans** all day.
10 We thought Sir John had one **foot** in the grave but he was just pretending to be ill.

11 (Suggested answers)
1 No, because to have **kicked the bucket** means to have died; **Alive and kicking** means the opposite.
2 No, because if you were **full of beans** you would be very energetic and if you were **off colour**, you wouldn't feel very well.
3 Yes, because if a person was smiling while telling me something serious I'd suspect they were joking and I wouldn't take them seriously.
4 Yes, just because someone is blind, doesn't mean that he/she is not active.
5 Yes, because if that person's condition was uncertain/serious, it would be unlikely he/she would be very active the next day.
6 No, because E-mail is a lot more advanced and is likely to replace fax machines in the future.

12 (Suggested answer)
He is in his eighties but he's still **as strong as an ox**. He's always **full of beans**. He certainly doesn't look like he's about to **run out of steam**. It seems he might well live to a **ripe old age**.

Unit 6

1 See glossary

2

a - 1	c - 10	e - 8	g - 6	i - 3
b - 5	d - 7	f - 9	h - 2	j - 4

3 1 right hand man
2 calling the shots
3 poor as a church mouse
4 up-and-coming
5 jet set

4 1 from rags to riches
2 the top of the ladder
3 the slippery slope
4 lives rough
5 down-and-out

5 See glossary

6

a - 3	c - 4	e - 1	g - 10	i - 9
b - 2	d - 7	f - 6	h - 8	j - 5

7 1 The researchers had to work at full **stretch** for six months in order to complete the project.
2 The politician seems to have adopted a **low** profile since his unfortunate public display.
3 Selling encyclopedias over the telephone is a **dead** end (job) – you should look for another career.
4 Now that Ellen's retired, she has (a lot of) time on her **hands**.
5 Greta can't really afford a skiing holiday – she's only keeping up with the **Joneses**.

8 1 D 2 B 3 C 4 A 5 B

9
1 used incorrectly - to take a back seat
2 used incorrectly - a dead end
3 used correctly
4 used incorrectly - rat race
5 used correctly
6 used incorrectly - at full stretch
7 used correctly
8 used correctly *
9 used incorrectly - have time on my hands
10 used correctly

* **rags-to-riches** is hyphenated when placed before a noun

10 1 take 2 call 3 adopt 4 have 5 live 6 do

11a
a big guns
b the rat race
c to call the shots
d to have many irons in the fire
e at the top of the ladder

11b
1 Many Irons in the Fire
2 To Call The Shots
3 Big Guns
4 Reaching the Top Of The Ladder
5 Rat Race

Unit 7

1 See glossary

2 a - 3 c - 1 e - 6 g - 7 i - 9
b - 4 d - 10 f - 5 h - 8 j - 2

3
1 state-of-the-art
2 broke the mould
3 streets ahead
4 from scratch
5 last word

4
1 old hat
2 all the rage
3 broken new ground
4 on the horizon
5 around the corner

5 See glossary

6 a - 1 c - 4 e - 2 g - 7 i - 8
b - 5 d - 9 f - 6 h - 10 j - 3

7 1 C* 2 A 3 C 4 D 5 A

* **up to date** is not hyphenated when not followed by a noun

8
1 My computer is **brand** new. I only bought it this morning.
2 Janet's father would be quite happy to talk about politics till the **cows** come home.
3 Your washing-machine is as old as the **hills.** Perhaps it's time you bought a new one.
4 Stop living in the **past**, Roy. Don't you realise we're in the 1990 s?
5 The company needs to move with the **times**; that's the reason why they're installing computers.

9 1 c 3 a 5 e 7 d 9 h
2 g 4 j 6 b 8 f 10 i

10 **(Suggested answer)**
The old building is as **old as the hills** but it has **stood the test of time**. The **brand new** building is **state-of-the-art** and it is the **last word** in modern technology.

11

across	**down**
1 state	2 test
4 streets	3 times
7 horizon	5 scratch
8 rage	6 mould
9 date	7 home

Unit 8

1 See glossary

2 a - 3 c - 6 e - 10 g - 8 i - 7
b - 9 d - 4 f - 5 h - 1 j - 2

3 1 sit 2 cut 3 lend 4 chance 5 have

4
1 vanished into thin air
2 out of hand
3 close call
4 last ditch
5 tip of the iceberg

5 See glossary

6 a - 5 c - 3 e - 6 g - 7 i - 9
b - 4 d - 1 f - 2 h - 10 j - 8

7
1 Families of the passengers from the burning aeroplane were relieved to hear that their loved ones were all safe and **sound**.
2 With a national strike looming, the government found itself with its back against the **wall**.
3 Since the disaster, we've been trying to pick up the **pieces**.
4 After several attempts to pass his driving test, Roger threw in the **towel** and bought a bicycle instead.
5 Doug was at the end of his **tether** after the neighbour's dog woke him up again, so he called the police.

8 1 D 2 B 3 A 4 C 5 A

9 1 He couldn't find her anywhere! It was as if she had **vanished** into thin air.
2 The wet patch on the ceiling was just the **tip** of the iceberg.
3 We decided to sit **tight** until the storm ended.
4 The expedition might be dangerous but I'll take a **chance** and go anyway.
5 The police became nervous when the crowd got **out** of hand.
6 The weightlifter made a **last**-ditch attempt at the record before giving up.
7 The pedestrian only managed to avoid/avoided being hit by the oncoming car by the skin of his/her **teeth**.
8 It took many years for the government to **pick** up the pieces after the war.
9 The burglar realised he was in a **tight** corner when he noticed the guard dog.

10 1 have a hope in hell
2 go back to square one
3 his bare hands
4 a close call
5 safe and sound
6 lend a hand
7 deliver the goods
8 had his back against the wall
9 at the end of my tether
10 throw in the towel

11 **(Suggested answers)**
1 Yes, because they would be in a difficult position and would probably need help.
2 No, to stop doing something which isn't profitable, in order to prevent the situation from getting worse doesn't necessarily mean to start at the very beginning.
3 Yes, because they had a close encounter with danger but now they are safe and uninjured.
4 Yes, because if you have no chance of achieving something then you should just give up.
5 Yes, because it is only natural to run out of patience after trying to dig up your garden unsuccessfully.

12 **(Suggested answer)**
John was driving along when he suddenly had a puncture causing him to lose control of the car, which overturned in a ditch. He was trapped and realised he'd have to **sit tight** till someone stopped to **lend him a hand**. Soon, another driver saw the overturned car and tried to get John out, but he **didn't have a hope in hell** of getting the car out of the ditch **with his bare hands**. Fortunately, the emergency services arrived and John was pulled out **safe and sound**. One of the rescuers told him he was lucky to have escaped such a **close call**.

Unit 9

1 See glossary

2 a - 2 c - 7 e - 5 g - 6 i - 8
b - 1 d - 9 f - 3 h - 4 j - 10

3 1 covered his tracks
2 spilt the beans
3 puts a foot wrong
4 hot water
5 an inside job

4 1 rotten apple
2 do time
3 come clean
4 point the finger at
5 carry the can

5 See glossary

6 a - 6 c - 4 e - 10 g - 7 i - 5
b - 1 d - 8 f - 9 h - 3 j - 2

7 1 The Armstrongs had their house burgled in **broad** daylight.
2 Arthur and Vanessa decided to get married on the spur of the **moment**.
3 Young Jack gets away with **murder** because he's got such an innocent face.
4 I'm sorry it's taking so long but we have to do it by the **book**.
5 The magistrate was caught off **guard** by the reporter's comment about his alleged involvement with organised crime.

8 1 cut 3 teach 5 catch
2 blow 4 brush

9 1 The man refused to **carry the can** and quickly **blew the whistle on/pointed the finger at** his accomplices.
2 The businessman denied having tried to **brush** anything **under the carpet** and swore that all of his business transactions were done **by the book**.
3 Unless we **cover our tracks**, the police are sure to find us and then we'll have to **do time**.
4 The police caught the thief **red-handed** so he knew he was **in hot water**.
5 The criminal thought he could **get away with murder** until his accomplice **spilt the beans** about what happened.

10 1 When the teacher asked Mary who had stolen her books she **pointed** the finger at Bert.
2 Jill rarely puts a **foot** wrong; she's far too careful.
3 The robber felt so guilty that he went to the police station and came **clean**.
4 Paul is doing **time** now because he stole money from the company where he worked.
5 If you lie to the police, you'll almost certainly end up in **hot** water.

6 Although Sam knew he'd be expelled if he carried the **can** for his friends, he still wouldn't betray them.
7 The politician was ashamed of his careless mistake and tried to brush it under the **carpet**.
8 I know Craig read your diary – I caught him **red**-handed in the kitchen.
9 When Mr Simms came home the burglars managed to **cut** and run.
10 Nobody knew the truth about the actress until her ex-husband spilt the **beans** in a book about their marriage.

11

1 C	3 D	5 C	7 D	9 D
2 A	4 A	6 B	8 A	10 B

12
1 used correctly
2 used incorrectly – spill the beans
3 used correctly
4 used correctly
5 used incorrectly – in broad daylight
6 used correctly
7 used incorrectly – cut and run
8 used incorrectly – teach him a lesson
9 used correctly
10 used incorrectly – an inside job

13 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because sometimes revealing a secret involves confessing to something.
2 Yes, because a person who is a bad influence on others should be punished so that his/her behaviour will improve.
3 Yes, you should stop them from doing something illegal so that they don't get away without being punished.
4 Yes, it is easier to catch someone doing something wrong if they least expect it.
5 Yes, most likely a person is in trouble because they have made a mistake.

Unit 10

1 See glossary

2

a - 1	c - 7	e - 4	g - 8	i - 9
b - 2	d - 10	f - 6	h - 5	j - 3

3
1 good head for figures
2 slow on the uptake
3 make the grade
4 out of my depth
5 haven't a clue

4
1 head and shoulders above
2 the gift of the gab
3 getting to grips with
4 on top of
5 talk the hind legs off a donkey

5 See glossary

6

a - 6	c - 1	e - 5	g - 2	i - 3
b - 7	d - 10	f - 4	h - 8	j - 9

7
1 Roger's only just become a carpenter, so he's still learning the **ropes**.
2 My doctor is a delightful gentleman who is of the old **school**.
3 Fred is always putting his **foot** in it; I wish he'd be more careful when he speaks.
4 I'm afraid your plan to slow down inflation only **scratches** the surface of the problem.
5 Mother soon made my young cousin behave properly by putting him in his **place**.

8 Don't be put off by the new accountant's appearance. He looks scruffy, as if he's **from the wrong side of the tracks**, and it can be annoying that he's **a smart alec**, but actually he's **an old boy** from Harrow and he **knows** accounting **inside out**. I was **all at sea** about taxes and keeping the company books before, but now everything is in order.

9

1 B	3 D	5 D	7 C	9 D
2 C	4 A	6 C	8 B	10 A

10
1 put her foot in it
2 all at sea
3 scratch the surface
4 of the old school
5 old boys
6 slow on the uptake
7 wrong side of the tracks
8 inside out
9 head and shoulders above
10 putting her in her place

11
1 make
2 scratch
3 have
4 learn
5 know
6 talk
7 put

12 (Suggested answers)
1 Yes, because someone who thinks they are clever probably believes that they are better than everyone else.
2 No, because if you were confused, it wouldn't be easy for you to deal with something successfully.
3 No, it would simply be a gathering of men who had been to the same school.
4 No, because if they are discussing something beyond your learning it does not mean that you are slow-witted/dim.

5 Yes, because if his daughter's fiancé was from the poor or less respectable part of town, he would find it more difficult to accept.
6 Yes, because tailors with a traditional training can usually sew by hand.

Unit 11

1 See glossary

2

a - 4	c - 10	e - 6	g - 1	i - 8
b - 7	d - 3	f - 2	h - 5	j - 9

3

1 weighed a ton
2 nuts and bolts
3 last legs
4 on the blink
5 the back burner

4

1 I had to **surf** the Net for hours before I finally found what I was looking for.
2 The library computers are on **line**, so you have access to a lot of information.
3 The construction of Wickway shopping centre had a few **teething** troubles, but they were eventually sorted out.
4 The instructions on the side of the fax machine were as clear as a **bell**.
5 I wanted to brighten up the flat and reduce the draught from the windows, so I killed two **birds** with one stone by hanging up curtains.

5 See glossary - Picture: **See the light**

6

a - 8	c - 6	e - 2	g - 9	i - 5
b - 7	d - 1	f - 10	h - 3	j - 4

7

1 make
2 sell
3 come
4 see
5 go

8 1 C 2 A 3 D 4 B 5 C

9

1 We couldn't watch the film as the television was on the **blink**.
2 This suitcase weighs a **ton**; what have you got in here?
3 The engineer was concerned about the **nuts** and bolts of building on marshy ground.
4 The number of computers on **line** is in the millions.
5 The amount that international footballers get paid is quite **mind**-boggling.
6 Tom was totally confused by algebra until his teacher helped him to see the **light**.
7 My holiday plans had to be put on the back **burner** when several serious problems cropped up at work.
8 Halfway through the construction of the building the architect realised that the design didn't work, so he had to go back to the drawing **board**.
9 Sid's car is a **carbon** copy of the 1950s model.
10 A mobile phone can come in **handy** if you need to make an emergency phone call.

10

1 on her last legs
2 kill two birds with one stone
3 teething troubles
4 as clear as a bell
5 surf the Net
6 selling like hot cakes
7 flash in the pan
8 in the pipeline
9 past its sell-by date
10 make head or tail

11 **(Suggested answer)**
In the first picture the computer looks like it **weighs a ton** and will soon be **past its sell-by date**. In the second picture the computer is very small and could **come in handy** when you're away from home or the office. If your job involves travelling and you like to **surf the Net**, then you should buy the portable type and **kill two birds with one stone**.

12 **(Suggested answers)**

1 Yes, because if they were having problems in the first stages of the company, then they should go back to the beginning to sort out the problems.
2 No, because it would be too much like another film.
3 Yes, because the poet wrote the poem and he/she would be able to explain the meaning of it.
4 No, because if something is **in the pipeline**, then it is in the process of being prepared.

Unit 12

1 See glossary

2

a - 9	c - 10	e - 4	g - 6	i - 7
b - 1	d - 3	f - 2	h - 8	j - 5

3

1 rough diamond
2 down-to-earth
3 put on a brave face
4 stab you in the back
5 golden boy

4

1 makes my hackles rise
2 keep your cool
3 pulling your leg
4 hot under the collar
5 behind my back

5 See glossary

6

a - 9	d - 8	g - 6	j - 4
b - 10	e - 7	h - 3	
c - 1	f - 2	i - 5	

7 1 Fiona never wants to do anything exciting; she's such a wet **blanket**.
2 Our neighbours are such nosy **Parkers**, they're always peeking through their curtains to see what we're doing.
3 I take your **point**, Jo, but we just can't afford a car right now.
4 Watch what you say to the director, he has a very short **fuse**.
5 My mother **lost** her head when my brother told her that he had been suspended from school.

8 1 B 2 D 3 A 4 B 5 B

9

1	rough diamond	6	take your point
2	pulling my leg	7	nosy Parkers
3	stab you in the back	8	wet blanket
4	behind her back	9	lost his head
5	golden boy	10	short fuse

10 1 Reginald got hot under the **collar** when he realised that his car had a flat tyre.
2 Even though Deborah was disappointed when her book was rejected, she put on a **brave** face and told her husband not to worry.
3 Although Bob is usually an impatient man, he kept his **cool** when he was stuck in traffic for an hour.
4 Taxi drivers in this city make my **hackles** rise! They're so rude and obnoxious.
5 Penelope is so down-to-**earth**, I was stunned when she joined the circus.
6 After Lucy's colleague stole her invention she wanted to get her own **back**.
7 Phil has had a chip on his **shoulder** since his schooldays because he wasn't on the football team.
8 They say that the judge who is hearing this case is as straight as a **die**, so you have a good chance of winning.
9 Nobody knew much about old Mr Fields as he was a dark **horse**, but we later found out that he was a resistance fighter during the war.
10 It's obvious that you're worried about something so why don't you get it off your **chest** (and tell me what's bothering you).

11 1 used correctly
2 used incorrectly – nosy Parker
3 used incorrectly – rough diamond
4 used correctly
5 used correctly
6 used correctly
7 used incorrectly – a chip on his shoulder
8 used correctly
9 used incorrectly – lost his head
10 used incorrectly – makes my hackles rise

12 **(Suggested answers)**
1 Yes, because it would surprise me if someone so fair and honest borrowed something without asking first.
2 Yes, because I would be so upset that a friend of mine would do something to hurt me that I would want to get revenge.
3 Yes. A person may be sensible and realistic though his/her personality remains mysterious/secretive.

Unit 13

1 See glossary

2

a - 3	c - 6	e - 4	g - 8	i - 7
b - 1	d - 2	f - 9	h - 5	j - 10

3

1	on the other hand	4	paid lip-service
2	drop in the ocean	5	a step in the right direction
3	went up in smoke		

4

1	to toe the line	4	counting the cost
2	came under fire	5	foot the bill
3	break the bank		

5 See glossary

6

a - 2	c - 9	e - 10	g - 6	i - 3
b - 7	d - 4	f - 5	h - 8	j - 1

7 1 Before the General inspected the barracks, the soldiers made sure that they were as clean as a **whistle**.
2 My sister and I have been at **loggerheads** for years – you name it, we argue about it.
3 Terry's romantic dinner was **burnt** to a crisp when the roast in the oven caught fire.
4 When the lights went out, it was **pitch**-black.
5 Scarlet Snake's new record was a breath of **fresh** air so everyone wanted to buy it.

8

1	put on the spot	3	clean bill of health
2	burying their heads in the sand	4	rude awakening
		5	brought to light

9

1	come	5	pay	9	bring
2	foot	6	toe	10	go
3	count	7	put		
4	break	8	burn		

10

1	D	3	A	5	B	7	D	9	A
2	B	4	C	6	A	8	D	10	C

11 (Suggested answers)

1 Yes, because although he/she agrees to pay occasionally, he/she never does.
2 Yes, because in order for medical records to be blank, you would have to be in perfect health.
3 No, because you can disagree with your friend about something without letting it end your relationship.

12

across	**down**
1 came	2 awakening
3 direction	4 crisp
5 pitch	6 hand
8 drop	7 spot
9 light	

Unit 14

1 See glossary

2

a - 7	d - 9	g - 6	j - 5
b - 10	e - 2	h - 3	
c - 1	f - 8	i - 4	

3

1 in a nutshell	3 racked his brains
2 started the ball rolling	4 going round in circles
	5 bone of contention

4

1 "I don't understand you! Everything was going so well and then you had to go and **rock** the boat."
2 We're way below last year's profit. I think we should put our **heads** together and find a way to increase our sales.
3 The police inspector wasn't interested in details of the arrest; he just wanted the **bare** bones.
4 Although the doctors tried hard to save the man, they knew they were fighting a losing **battle**.
5 "I don't know what I'm going to do when I leave school. I guess I'll have to put my thinking **cap** on."

5 See glossary - Picture: **Hold one's tongue**

6

a - 2	c - 1	e - 4	g - 5	i - 10
b - 7	d - 9	f - 3	h - 6	j - 8

7

1 A	2 D	3 C	4 B	5 B

8

1 hold	3 mince	5 get
2 clear	4 drive	

9

1 "I know you lost that folder; don't try to pass the **buck**."
2 The boy's excuse for missing school **rang** hollow, so the headmaster called his parents.
3 The detective's question **threw** the suspect off balance and he started to look around nervously.
4 "Do you mind if we talk **shop** for a minute?"
5 People who use mobile phones on trains really get on my **nerves**!
6 The boy held his **tongue** while the teacher explained even though he knew the answer.
7 "How was my holiday? Well, in a **nutshell**, it was awful!"
8 Tim racked his **brains**, but he still couldn't remember the woman's name.
9 On their first date, Phil started the **ball** rolling by asking her what her father did for a living.
10 After their argument Tom bought his wife some flowers in an attempt to **clear** the air.

10

1 rock the boat	7 get a grip
2 mince his words	8 bone of contention
3 drove home	9 fighting a losing battle
4 put our heads together	10 put their thinking caps on
5 the bare bones	
6 going round in circles	

11

1 used incorrectly – pass the buck
2 used correctly
3 used incorrectly – started the ball rolling
4 used incorrectly – a bone of contention
5 used correctly
6 used correctly
7 used incorrectly – threw me off balance
8 used correctly
9 used correctly
10 used incorrectly – get a grip (on herself)

12 (Suggested answers)

1 Yes, because it is annoying to discuss the same things again and again and not come to an agreement.
2 Yes, because you have to start thinking in order to discuss something with others.
3 You are less likely to get what you want because you are fighting for something with little hope.

Unit 15

1 See glossary

2

a - 5	c - 2	e - 7	g - 9	i - 3
b - 1	d - 4	f - 8	h - 6	j - 10

3 1 hot air
2 the law into their own hands
3 stuck to his guns
4 sealed his fate
5 voting with their feet

4 1 My mother is not someone who takes poor service **lying** down.
2 Citizens are up in **arms** over the council's decision to knock down the old library.
3 The little boy dug his **heels** in and refused to go to summer camp.
4 Changing the spark plugs should do the **trick**; the car will start more easily.
5 If Barker's Butchers don't improve the quality of their meat, housewives will vote with their **feet** and shop at Phipps.

5 See glossary

6

a - 2	c - 1	e - 7	g - 10	i - 6
b - 4	d - 5	f - 9	h - 8	j - 3

7 1 Demands for change are coming from the grass **roots** of the Labour Party.
2 It is not for me to **sit** in judgement; Platt doesn't work for me.
3 Giving up smoking is **easier** said than done.
4 Before I tackle the Home Office, I'll need **chapter** and verse on this case.
5 There has been a running **battle** between port authorities and fishermen over fishing zones.

8 1 deaf ears
2 cuts no ice
3 behind closed doors
4 call it a day
5 law of the jungle

9

1 B	3 A	5 B	7 A	9 C
2 D	4 C	6 D	8 B	10 D

10 1 running battle
2 up in arms
3 hot air
4 take the law into their own hands
5 stick to our guns

11 1 dug his heels in
2 easier said than done
3 take these plans lying down
4 sitting on the fence
5 sealed their fates

12 **(Suggested answer)**
It appears as if the people in the photograph are **up in arms** about something. They might be teachers and parents who feel that the Ministry makes too many decisions, which affect the students and themselves, **behind closed doors**. Being **the grass roots** of the school, the demonstrators might feel that their exclusion from the decision-making process is an injustice, and they are probably not going **to take this lying down**. If their protests, however, **fall on deaf ears**, they will have two choices: either **to dig their heels in**, which might mean camping on the premises for days, or **to call it a day** and end the demonstration unsuccessfully.

TESTS

(may be photocopied)

Three tests in two versions are included in the Teacher's Book. Each test is provided with a marking scheme based on a total of 20 marks.

TEST 1 A (Units 1 - 5)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 You can ask my dad anything about football; it's right up his ..... .
A street **C** lane
B road **D** path

2 Mary's doctor advised her to steer ..... of alcohol.
A left **C** right
B clear **D** in front

3 Since returning from her holiday, she's had a new lease of ..... .
A energy **C** work
B ability **D** life

4 It ..... my heart to see the blind, three-legged kitten.
A broke **C** shattered
B cracked **D** crushed

5 He left home because he didn't see ..... to eye with his father.
A ear **C** eye
B nose **D** lips

6 It's been ..... years since I last saw my old school friend, Janet.
A horse's **C** cat's
B lion's **D** donkey's

7 Please stop your nagging, you're driving me round the .....!
A bend **C** corner
B wall **D** garden

8 That bank does not issue loans to companies it considers lame ..... .
A birds **C** hens
B ducks **D** pigeons

9 Who will ..... into the director's shoes when he retires?
A jump **C** step
B walk **D** charge

10 The bank robber had the look of a man who meant ..... .
A trouble **C** business
B danger **D** harm

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

pinch of salt, at death's door, at a loss for words, no use crying over spilt milk, the writing on the wall, pick up the tab, as blind as a bat, full swing, the midnight oil, ripe old age

11 Marcus must hand in his project next week, so he's been burning ..... trying to get it finished.
12 I was ..... when he accused me of stealing his wallet. I couldn't believe it!
13 The party was already in ..... by the time we arrived. Everyone was singing and dancing.
14 When it was time to pay for the dinner, everyone disappeared and I was left to ..... .
15 You broke my favourite vase, but it's ..... . That won't mend it.
16 Johnnie always likes to exaggerate, so you should take what he says with a ..... .
17 Our neighbour, Mr Carter, lived to the ..... of 92.
18 Many see the national strike as ..... for the present government. After this, few people will vote for them.
19 My mother is ..... without her glasses. She can't see a thing!
20 I'm very concerned about Mr Jenkins; he looks as if he is ..... . Perhaps he should be taken to hospital.

C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 When twelve publishers told Melody that she had no talent for writing, she faced up to the hard truth.
earth .....

22 Karen needed a break from everything and everyone for a few days.
away .....

23 If you want to enjoy a quiet dinner, it would be better for you to come on a weekday.
bet .....

24 Donald hoped to make Sylvia fall in love with him by granting her every wish.
steal .....

25 Frederick's strongly disapproved of by his family because he changed his religion.
sheep .....

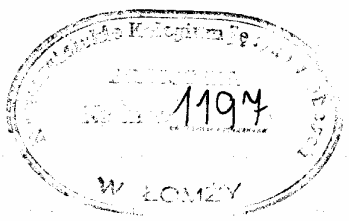
26 During the recession property prices were lower than ever.
bottom .....

27 I'm just managing to survive on the salary I earn.
head .....

28 Now, that's an idea worth thinking about!
food .....

29 Henry made us feel comfortable by telling us a joke.
ice .....

30 Because Sebastian has such physical strength, he can lift a car off the ground.
ox .....



TEST 1 B (Units 1 - 5)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 He only has one daughter and she's the ..... of his eye.
A pear **C** fruit
B apple **D** centre

2 "Call it fun if you want!" Jane replied. "But I think you're playing with ..... ."
A fire **C** peril
B danger **D** trouble

3 Clive is taking his exams tomorrow. I hope all those extra lessons bear ..... .
A fruit **C** food
B vegetables **D** results

4 I was ordered to conduct a thorough test and not ..... corners.
A cut **C** bend
B trim **D** turn

5 Despite having a lot of competition, the company is managing to ..... its own.
A keep **C** control
B hold **D** handle

6 "I agree that it's a good film," she said, "but it's just not my cup of ..... ."
A coffee **C** tea
B soup **D** taste

7 I phoned Jackie last night because she looked rather off ..... at work yesterday.
A beans **C** beat
B colour **D** peak

8 I had a really good time last night! It's the first time I've let my hair ..... in weeks.
A down **C** drop
B fall **D** go

9 Derek has been working too hard recently. He needs to relax more and take things ..... for a while.
A slowly **C** calmly
B gently **D** easy

10 My husband's been very jealous of Mike since he discovered that he's an old ..... of mine.
A torch **C** flame
B light **D** shine

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

in the soup, a shadow of her former self, a change of heart, from ear to ear, feel the pinch, over the moon, up and about, tie the knot, pull a few strings, the crack of dawn

11 I didn't like Paul when I first met him, but recently I've had ..... . He's actually quite a nice person.
12 After living together for six years, Janet and Matt have finally decided to ..... .
13 Business hasn't been good recently and we're really starting to ..... . If things get worse we'll have to cut down on staff.
14 I know the manager of the theatre and I've managed to ..... to get us free tickets for tonight's performance.
15 "They've found out that we broke the window again with our ball!" shouted Kevin. "This time we're really .....!"
16 I got up at ..... this morning because I had to catch the 5:30 train.
17 He's been ..... since he won the award for Actor of the Year.
18 "Since her operation Kate's just .....; if you see her, you'll hardly recognise her."
19 I saw Mrs Smith this morning. I can't believe she's ..... so soon after her operation; the doctors had said she'd be in bed for weeks.
20 Sonia was grinning ..... when she heard she'd been promoted.

C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 Simon has been very depressed since he lost his job.
dumps .....

22 Everyone can see he loves her – he makes his feelings very obvious.
sleeve .....

23 I guess I spend too much; I always seem to be in debt.
red .....

24 Jack claims he doesn't make a lot of money, but I bet he's very wealthy.
rolling .....

25 He told us it was an antique; he must have paid a lot of money for it.
fortune .....

26 Everyone was relieved when the crisis was averted; for a while the situation was very uncertain.
touch .....

27 It looked as though he was going to win, but he lost his energy on the last lap.
steam .....

28 We've decided to stay open 24 hours a day.
clock .....

29 Have you heard? Old Jenkins has died.
bucket .....

30 Since starting keep fit classes, I've been feeling lively and energetic.
beans .....

TEST 1 A — KEY

A **1** A **2** B **3** D **4** A **5** C **6** D **7** A **8** B **9** C **10** C

B
11 the midnight oil
12 at a loss for words
13 full swing
14 pick up the tab
15 no use crying over spilt milk
16 pinch of salt
17 ripe old age
18 the writing on the wall
19 as blind as a bat
20 at death's door

C
21 When twelve publishers told Melody that she had no talent for writing, she came down to **earth** with a bump.
22 Karen needed to get **away** from it all for a few days.
23 If you want to enjoy a quiet dinner, your best **bet** is to come on a weekday.
24 Donald hoped to **steal** Sylvia's heart by granting her every wish.
25 Fredrick's the black **sheep** of the family because he changed his religion.
26 During the recession property prices hit rock **bottom**.
27 I'm just managing to keep my **head** above water on the salary I earn.
28 Now, that's **food** for thought.
29 Henry broke the **ice** by telling us a joke.
30 Because Sebastian is as strong as an **ox**, he can lift a car off the ground.

TEST 1 B — KEY

A **1** B **2** A **3** A **4** A **5** B **6** C **7** B **8** A **9** D **10** C

B
11 a change of heart
12 tie the knot
13 feel the pinch
14 pull a few strings
15 in the soup
16 the crack of dawn
17 over the moon
18 a shadow of her former self
19 up and about
20 from ear to ear

C
21 Simon has been down in the **dumps** since he lost his job.
22 Everyone can see he loves her – he wears his heart on his **sleeve**.
23 I guess I spend too much; I always seem to be in the **red**.
24 Jack claims he doesn't make a lot of money, but I bet he's **rolling** in it.
25 He told us it was an antique; he must have paid a small **fortune** for it.
26 Everyone was relieved when the crisis was averted; for a while the situation was **touch** and go.
27 It looked as though he was going to win, but he ran out of **steam** on the last lap.
28 We've decided to stay open (a)round the **clock**.
29 Have you heard? Old Jenkins kicked the **bucket**.
30 Since starting keep fit classes, I've been full of **beans**.

Marking Scheme for Tests 1 A / 1 B

A: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
B: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
C: 10 items x 4 points each = 40

Total 100 x 2 = **20.0**

TEST 2 A (Units 6 - 10)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 Jonathan Starr is an up-and- ..... actor.
A coming **C** running
B going **D** walking

2 If we don't handle this crisis carefully, we'll all be on the ..... slope to disaster.
A sticky **C** slippery
B icy **D** sloping

3 This is a dead ..... job with no prospects.
A beat **C** loss
B aim **D** end

4 I was tired of the ..... race so I moved to the country.
A dog **C** horse
B camel **D** rat

5 Platform shoes are all the ..... at the moment.
A rage **C** fad
B style **D** madness

6 "Have you seen the new gym? The equipment in it is the last ..... in sports technology."
A word **C** paragraph
B sentence **D** phrase

7 My father bought me a ..... new motor bike for my birthday.
A model **C** sparkling
B brand **D** bright

8 By the time the police arrived the crowd was out of ..... .
A foot **C** hand
B place **D** style

9 "Lend your mother a ..... with the shopping, Chris."
A finger **C** help
B hand **D** car

10 Jason lost his job two months ago and he's still trying to ..... up the pieces.
A stick **C** pick
B fix **D** glue

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

out of my depth, put him in his place, a rotten apple, on the spur of the moment, threw in the towel, head and shoulders above, spilt the beans, learn the ropes, taught him a lesson, the hind legs off a donkey

11 Although Patricia ..... halfway through the competition, I still believe she had a good chance of winning.
12 You can't play with Pedro any more. That boy's ..... and I don't want you picking up his bad habits.
13 The bank robber eventually ..... to the police and named all his accomplices.
14 I bought my bike ..... which is unlike me because I'm not usually an impulsive person.
15 Two weeks' suspension has ..... . Trust me, Robert will never do such a thing again.
16 When you start talking about politics I'm totally ..... . I don't even know who the leader of the opposition is.
17 Old Meg can talk ..... . Whenever we have a conversation she talks for hours.
18 Tommy's ..... the rest of the students. His marks are always the highest in the class.
19 Ian tried to insinuate that Mrs Beaton was not suitably qualified for the job, but she quickly ..... by reminding him she had a PhD in Physics.
20 I've only worked here a few days and it's going to take me a couple of weeks to ..... .

C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 There are plans to build a shelter for one hundred homeless people.
down .....

22 Jack always does what he wants.
own .....

23 There's going to be trouble soon.
horizon .....

24 These ancient buildings have been standing for centuries.
test .....

25 The promotions manager told the rock singer that he would get her a recording contract but she doubted that he would do what he had promised.
goods .....

26 At the moment our construction company is working on several projects, two of which are a shopping centre and the new wing of the hospital.
irons .....

27 I decided to work in a more modern way, so I bought myself a computer.
times .....

28 The little boy confessed and told the headmaster that he had broken the window.
clean .....

29 The government is trying to cover up the scandal.
brush .....

30 My father has traditional values; he believes that a woman's place is in the home.
school .....

TEST 2 B (Units 6 - 10)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 Terry has been living ..... since he lost his job and the bank repossessed his house.
A hard **C** harsh
B rough **D** tough

2 Since winning the lottery, Joanne and Frank have joined the ..... .
A jet-set **C** jet-stream
B fast-stream **D** high-life

3 After the recent scandal, the politician thought it would be wise to adopt a low ..... .
A image **C** life
B presence **D** profile

4 The band have developed a unique style of music. They've really broken new ..... .
A earth **C** field
B land **D** ground

5 Max was offended when his boss implied that he was getting old and was ..... it!
A beyond **C** over
B past **D** through

6 "The plan has failed! Back to ..... one," said the boss.
A level **C** route
B square **D** path

7 We should give Robert a rise. He's very efficient and never puts a ..... wrong.
A leg **C** foot
B step **D** hand

8 Ray was not going to blow the ..... on his best friend.
A tune **C** truth
B whistle **D** horn

9 It's taken me a long time, but I feel I'm really getting to ..... with the language.
A grips **C** handle
B hold **D** grab

10 "He's a real charmer, isn't he?" said Nancy. "He certainly has the gift of the ..... ."
A talk **C** gab
B mouth **D** talk

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

have a clue, turn back the clock, the wrong side of the tracks, do time, put my foot in it, an inside job, in broad daylight, till the cows come home, has a good head for figures, pointed the finger at

11 My mother took one look at Danny, decided he came from ..... and told me that he wasn't good enough for me. She's such a snob!
12 Victor and his friends can talk about football ..... . Personally, I find the conversation boring after the first hour.
13 The police think the robbery was ..... because there is no sign of a forced entry, and only members of staff have keys to the entrance.
14 The students ..... Timmy when the teacher threatened to punish the entire class.
15 Becky knew she would have to ..... if she got caught shoplifting again.
16 Despite the fact the burglary took place ....., nobody saw a thing.
17 Tom didn't ..... about the surprise party, so he was really shocked when he opened the door.
18 It's hardly surprising that Susan has decided to become an accountant. She ..... .
19 I really ..... when I told Linda I didn't like Chris. I didn't realise he was her new boyfriend.
20 I know life wasn't always great when I was younger, but sometimes I wish I could ..... .

C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 George started as an office junior and in less than a decade he has climbed to the top position in the company.
ladder .....

22 She took one glance at my CD collection and declared it wasn't up to date.
hat .....

23 I saw him go round the corner and then suddenly he was gone.
air .....

24 Mrs Thorpe was about to lose her patience with the new assistant after he had made the same mistake four times.
tether .....

25 The police have to do everything according to official procedure.
book .....

26 Donna is lazy, inefficient and rude at work but she never gets into trouble because she's the boss's daughter.
murder .....

27 Belinda knew she was in trouble when her mother found out she'd been missing classes.
water .....

28 I get very confused when it comes to new technology.
sea .....

29 It's no wonder your car keeps breaking down. It's very old.
hills .....

30 Brett managed to go to university despite being very poor.
mouse .....

TEST 2 A — KEY

A
1 A **2** C **3** D **4** D **5** A **6** A **7** B **8** C **9** B **10** C

B
11 threw in the towel
12 a rotten apple
13 spilt the beans
14 on the spur of the moment
15 taught him a lesson
16 out of my depth
17 the hind legs off a donkey
18 head and shoulders above
19 put him in his place
20 learn the ropes

C
21 There are plans to build a shelter for one hundred **down** and outs.
22 Jack always does his **own** thing.
23 There's trouble on the **horizon**.
24 These ancient buildings have stood the **test** of time.
25 The promotions manager told the rock singer that he would get her a recording contract but she doubted that he would deliver the **goods**.
26 At the moment our construction company have several **irons** in the fire, two of which are a shopping centre and the new wing of the hospital.
27 I decided to move with the **times**, so I bought myself a computer.
28 The little boy came **clean** and told the headmaster that he had broken the window.
29 The government is trying to **brush** the scandal under the carpet.
30 My father is of the old **school**; he believes that a woman's place is in the home.

TEST 2 B — KEY

A
1 B **2** A **3** D **4** D **5** B **6** B **7** C **8** B **9** A **10** C

B
11 the wrong side of the tracks
12 till the cows come home
13 an inside job
14 pointed the finger at
15 do time
16 in broad daylight
17 have a clue
18 has a good head for figures
19 put my foot in it
20 turn back the clock

C
21 George started as an office junior and in less than a decade he has climbed to the top of the **ladder**.
22 She took one glance at my CD collection and declared it was old **hat**.
23 I saw him go round the corner and then suddenly he vanished into thin **air**.
24 Mrs Thorpe was at the end of her **tether** with the new assistant after he had made the same mistake four times.
25 The police have to do everything by the **book**.
26 Donna is lazy, inefficient and rude at work but she gets away with **murder** because she's the boss's daughter.
27 Belinda knew she was in hot **water** when her mother found out she'd been missing classes.
28 I am all at **sea** when it comes to new technology.
29 It's no wonder your car keeps breaking down. It's as old as the **hills**.
30 Brett managed to go to university despite being as poor as a church **mouse**.

Marking Scheme for Tests 2 A / 2 B

A: 10 items x 3 points each = 30
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TEST 3 A (Units 11 - 15)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 Our old refrigerator is on its last ..... .
A knees **C** feet
B legs **D** shoes

2 Since I want to go out and you want to see a film, let's go to the cinema and kill two birds with one ..... .
A bullet **C** stone
B arrow **D** sword

3 I never thought that this old table would come in handy ..... .
A handy **C** purpose
B use **D** wood

4 Rita thinks that the Spice Girls' success will prove to be just a ..... in the pan.
A crash **C** spark
B flash **D** flame

5 The team captain is the school's undisputed golden .....; he can do no wrong.
A son **C** boy
B lad **D** man

6 Carter's a real dark .....; you never know what he is thinking.
A donkey **C** mule
B horse **D** pony

7 Be careful what you say to Dad – you know what a short ..... he has.
A fuse **C** stick
B beard **D** mood

8 I've never met a more pleasant, down-to-..... actress than Virginia Combe.
A ground **C** carpet
B floor **D** earth

9 The reporter came under ..... over several allegations he had made in an article.
A control **C** fire
B stress **D** critic

10 It's pitch - ..... in here. I can't see a thing!
A black **C** gloomy
B brown **D** far

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

the bare bones, a breath of fresh air, dug her heels in, pass the buck, paying lip-service, sealed the fate, put our heads together, sit in judgement, clear the air, the grass roots

11 I'm tired of politicians just ..... to environmental issues. They promise to take action but never do a thing.
12 Edna's presence is like ..... in this stuffy office. She is so lively and refreshing.
13 If we ....., perhaps we'll come up with a solution.
14 Let's ..... right now and tell Anne what really happened, because she still thinks it's our fault.
15 I don't know all the details as I'm only acquainted with ..... of the matter.
16 I resent any employees who try to ..... . It shows they're irresponsible and unreliable.
17 "You have no right to ..... over me when you yourself have made so many mistakes."
18 We can't afford to ignore the demands of ..... if we expect to be re-elected.
19 The teenage girl ..... and refused to stay home and mind her little brother.
20 The sinking of the Titanic ..... of most of her passengers.

C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 "Can you help me move this piano? It's very heavy."
ton .....

22 I need to use the Internet to see if I can find some information for my class project.
surf .....

23 I know someone is spreading ugly rumours about me, but I don't know who.
back .....

24 Although I appreciate what you're saying, I don't think your idea is practical.
point .....

25 The millionaire's contribution, though generous, hardly made a difference. We need much more for our cause.
drop .....

26 When it came to her son's eating disorder, Kurt's mother preferred to ignore the problem.
bury .....

27 His coming home late was a constant cause for argument between John and his mother.
bone .....

28 Researchers seem to be struggling unsuccessfully in their search for a cure.
battle .....

29 In the poorer parts of town, lack of order and violence prevail.
law .....

30 I'd always found algebra difficult, but with Mr Griffiths' help it's easy to understand.
bell .....

TEST 3 B (Units 11 - 15)

(Time: 30 minutes)

A. Choose the correct item.

1 We've decided to put buying a house on the back ..... until we've saved some more money.
A burner **C** heater
B boiler **D** cooker

2 John had read the instruction manual several times, but he couldn't make ..... or tail of it.
A head **C** back
B front **D** hind

3 At first there seemed to be no solution to the problem. Then Mary suddenly saw the ..... .
A vision **C** light
B glow **D** shine

4 It's obvious from his attitude that he has a ..... on his shoulder.
A weight **C** knock
B chip **D** dent

5 In England it's traditional for the father of the bride to foot the ..... for the wedding.
A tab **C** price
B bill **D** receipt

6 Terry's explanation of why he was three hours late cut no ..... with his boss.
A ice **C** sleet
B snow **D** frost

7 They sat there for hours ..... their brains, but they couldn't come up with a solution.
A roasting **C** rocking
B raking **D** racking

8 Peter is such a ..... blanket; he hardly ever comes out and when he does, he always looks miserable.
A hot **C** old
B wet **D** cold

9 David tried to put on a brave ..... when he failed his test, but you could see he was upset.
A show **C** face
B look **D** exterior

10 The doctor gave Zoe a clean ..... of health when she went for her yearly check-up.
A tab **C** paper
B sheet **D** bill

B. Fill in the gaps with phrases from the list:

a running battle, talk shop, sits on the fence, hot under the collar, stuck to his guns, put him on the spot, rang hollow, call it a day, fell on deaf ears, take lying down

11 I really hate it when people ..... at office parties.
12 He said he was sorry, but somehow his excuses ..... .
13 Although his parents were opposed to his decision, Nigel ..... and became an actor.
14 She tried to warn them about the company, but her advice ..... . They invested anyway and lost all their money.
15 George always ....., so it's difficult to know whose side he's really on.
16 A pay cut was proposed, which the union would not ....., so the next day they called a strike.
17 At 62, Fred decided to ..... and applied for early retirement.
18 There's ..... between Carl and my mother over gardening chores. They'll never compromise.
19 The question about the Minister's personal finances really ..... and he tried to evade the issue.
20 I could see she was getting ....., so I thought I would keep out of her way in case she got really angry.

C. *Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.*

21 There's no need to send the computer back just yet, it's only normal to have difficulties in the early stages.
teething .....

22 "Darian's Dreamers" released their new CD on Thursday and it's in great demand.
cakes .....

23 Joe decided that it wasn't worth arguing with his manager and decided to obey the rules.
toe .....

24 Everybody trusts Arthur. He's very honest.
die .....

25 Drinking less coffee will not restore your health, but it's certainly a positive move.
step .....

26 "Look, I don't want to cause trouble," said Jim, "but something needs to be done."
boat .....

27 "I believe that should solve the problem," said Mike, putting down his screwdriver.
trick .....

28 Jane wanted to speak but she knew it would be better if she kept silent.
tongue .....

29 Apparently the workers are very angry about the new proposals.
arms .....

30 Tristan was only teasing when he told me he'd won the lottery.
leg .....

TEST 3 A — KEY

A

1 B	**3** A	**5** C	**7** A	**9** C
2 C	**4** B	**6** B	**8** D	**10** A

B

11 paying lip service
12 a breath of fresh air
13 put our heads together
14 clear the air
15 the bare bones
16 pass the buck
17 sit in judgement
18 the grass roots
19 dug her heels in
20 sealed the fate

C

21 "Can you help me move this piano? It weighs a **ton**."
22 I need to **surf** the Net to see if I can find some information for my class project.
23 I know someone is spreading ugly rumours behind my **back**, but I don't know who.
24 Although I take your **point**, I don't think your idea is practical.
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26 When it came to her son's eating disorder, Kurt's mother preferred to **bury** her head in the sand.
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29 In the poorer parts of town, the **law** of the jungle prevails.
30 I'd always found algebra difficult, but with Mr Griffiths' help it's as clear as a **bell**.

TEST 3 B — KEY

A

1 A	**3** C	**5** B	**7** D	**9** C
2 A	**4** B	**6** A	**8** B	**10** D

B

11 talk shop
12 rang hollow
13 stuck to his guns
14 fell on deaf ears
15 sits on the fence
16 take lying down
17 call it a day
18 a running battle
19 put him on the spot
20 hot under the collar

C

21 There's no need to send the computer back just yet, it's only normal to have **teething** troubles.
22 "Darina's Dreamers" released their new CD on Thursday and it's selling like hot **cakes**.
23 Joe decided it wasn't worth arguing with his manager and decided to **toe** the line.
24 Everybody trusts Arthur. He's as straight as a **die**.
25 Drinking less coffee will not restore your health, but it's certainly a **step** in the right direction.
26 "Look, I don't want to rock the **boat**," said Jim, "but something needs to be done."
27 "I believe that should do the **trick**," Said Mike, putting down his screwdriver.
28 Jane wanted to speak but she knew it would be better to hold her **tongue**.
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